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North Carolina Office of Rural Health

2019 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2019 and current as of 6/30/2019)

Grant Facts

\$32.5M

Available grant funding (federal, state, philanthropic)

257 FTEs

Full-time equivalent employees supported in local communities

247

Contracts to support communities

Direct Services

472,365 Patients served

88%

Of ORH funding is spent directly on communities

\$60.94

Average annual contribution by ORH per patient



70%

Patients with well controlled diabetes, as evidenced by A1c levels < 9



69%

Patients with well controlled hypertension, as evidenced by blood pressure levels < 140/90



62%

Patients screened for obesity through Body Mass Index (BMI) testing



73% Patients screened for tobacco cessation and treatment

First State Office of Rural Health in the Nation

In 1973, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH) became the first State Office of Rural Health in the nation. Created to focus on the needs of rural and underserved communities.

Mission Statement

As the State Office of Rural Health and the State Primary Care Office, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health supports equitable access to health in rural and underserved communities. To achieve its mission, ORH works collaboratively to provide funding, training, and technical assistance for high quality, innovative, accessible cost effective services that support the maintenance and growth of the State's safety net and rural communities.

While ORH does not provide direct care, its programs support numerous health care safety net organization to provide access to care to vulnerable populations (uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare) across the State. It is estimated that the State's primary care safety net system serves 1.1 million vulnerable residents.

Programs:



NC Rural Hospital Program

Support operational improvement projects for the benefit of all critical access hospitals and eligible small rural hospitals



NC Medication Assistance Program

Provide free and lowcost medications donated by pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them



NC Statewide Telepsychiatry Program

Support psychiatric evaluation of patients through videoconferencing in emergency departments and community settings



NC Analytics & Innovations Program

Support data analytics, HPSA designations and innovative efforts to improve health including Community Health Worker, Integration of Behavioral Health and Mental Health First Aid



Placement Services Program

Recruit providers to health professional shortage areas



NC Rural **Health Centers**

Support state designated rural health centers that serve the entire community



NC Community Health Grants

Support the primary care safety net system with increasing access to health care for vulnerable populations



NC Farmworker Health Program

Support medical, dental, behavioral health and educational services for seasonal and migrant farmworkers & their families



Rural Health Information **Technology Program**

Provide technical assistance to improve the use of Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems and the use of the health information exchange

Each ORH grant

dollar has a total

economic impact

\$1.96

Return On Investment and Economic Impact

ORH Expenditures \$26,295,581

Generates

additional jobs

from the economic

impact

401



Created Economic Impact

\$25,363,333

\$1,975,480

and local taxes

state economy

which goes back into the local and

Generated in state



Total Impact

\$51,658,914

\$22.314.451



In employee compensation impacted from the grant

*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.





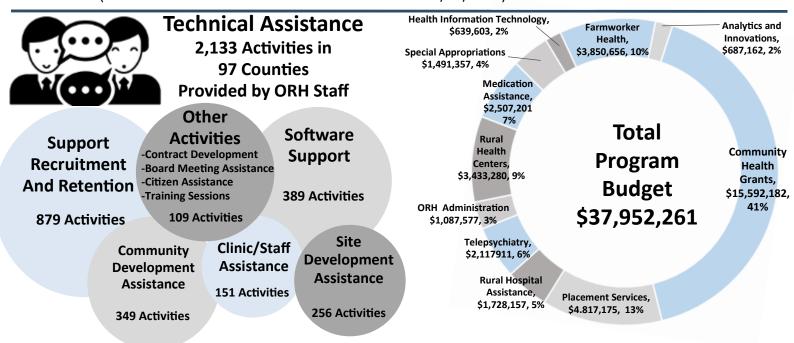
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Program Reach
139
Agencies funded

100
Total counties covered

Rural counties covered

